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SUBJ: CABINET HEARS WEIZMAN REPORT ON EGYPTIAN TALKS

1. YESTERDAY'S REGULAR MEETING OF THE CABINET WAS
DEVOTED TO BRIEFINGS BY DEFENSE MINISTER WEIZMAN AND
ATTORNEY GENERAL BARAK ON THEIR TALKS IN CAIRO. THE
COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE FOUR AND ONE-HALF
HOUR SESSION EXPRESSED REGRET THAT THE GOI'S PROPOSAL
TO RENEW NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY
COMMITTEES HAD BEEN REJECTED BY EGYPT AND EXPRESSED THE
HOPE THAT CAIRO WILL RECONSIDER ISRAEL'S POSITIVE PRO-
POSALS TO FACILITATE RENEWAL OF NEGOTIATIONS. OTHER
THAN ADOPTING THE COMMUNIQUE, THERE WERE NO VOTES OR
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DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CABINET, WHICH MET AS THE
MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON SECURITY AFFAIRS.

2. IN BRIEFING THE PRESS (PRESENT IN LIMITED NUMBERS
BECAUSE OF THE JOURNALISTS STRIKE), CABINET SECRETARY
ARYE NAOR REPLIED TO A QUESTION ON WHETHER WEIZMAN'S
VISIT WAS A FAILURE WITH A CURT, "THIS IMPRESSION IS

INCORRECT." HE ADDED THAT, ON THE OTHER HAND, HE WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO SAY "WHETHER PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE." NAOR SAID THAT SEVERAL CABINET MEMBERS, INCLUDING DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER YADIN, REJECTED EGYPTIAN REPORTS THAT BEGIN IS DEMONSTRATING INTRASIGENCE. NAOR INDICATED THAT THE CABINET DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF POSSIBLE DATES FOR ANOTHER SADAT-WEIZMAN MEETING BUT AN EXACT DATE HAD NOT BEEN SPECIFIED. HOWEVER, SUCH A MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS."

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